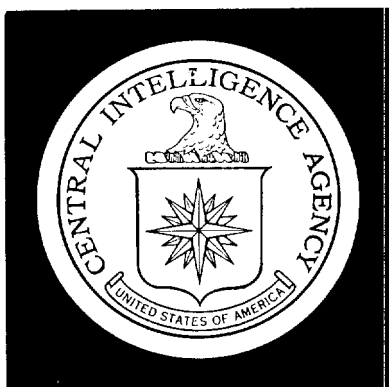


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PAKISTAN-CHINA: A HIGH-LEVEL PAKISTANI DELEGATION IS SLATED TO ARRIVE IN PEKING TODAY, APPARENTLY SEEKING FURTHER ASSURANCE OF CHINESE BACKING.

PAKISTANI FOREIGN SECRETARY SULTAN KHAN INFORMED THE US AMBASSADOR ON 3 NOVEMBER THAT THE FORTHCOMING VISIT TO PEKING WOULD PERMIT CONTINUED CONTACT WITH THE CHINESE ON BOTH MILITARY AND POLITICAL MATTERS BUT WAS DESIGNED PRIMARILY TO BOOST MORALE IN PAKISTAN.

THE FOREIGN SECRETARY MADE IT CLEAR THAT ISLAMABAD ALSO HOPED TO SECURE FROM THE CHINESE A NEW PUBLIC STATEMENT OF SUPPORT, ALTHOUGH HE ADMITTED THAT REITERATION OF PREVIOUS STATEMENTS WOULD BE ALL THE PAKISTANIS COULD REALLY EXPECT.

THE AMBASSADOR WAS REQUESTED TO PASS THE INFORMATION REGARDING THE TRIP TO WASHINGTON SO THAT PRIME MINISTER GANDHI COULD BE "REASSURED" AS TO THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT TO PEKING PRIOR TO RELEASE OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE PRESS. SULTAN KHAN ALSO INDICATED THAT HE HOPED TO VISIT WASHINGTON ON OR ABOUT 11 NOVEMBER TO BRIEF US OFFICIALS ON THE RESULTS OF HIS TRIP TO PEKING AND TO SECURE INFORMATION, BOTH "FACTS AND NUANCES," REGARDING MRS. GANDHI'S VISIT TO THE US.

THE PAKISTANI DECISION TO SEND A HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATION TO PEKING SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH MRS. GANDHI'S TRIP TO WASHINGTON AND IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING VISITS BY SENIOR SOVIET OFFICIALS TO NEW DELHI MAY WELL BE CONCERNED PRIMARILY WITH AIDING MORALE IN A WEST PAKISTAN POPULATION THAT SEES ITSELF INCREASINGLY ISOLATED. THE ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN A STRONG PUBLIC STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR ISLAMABAD--EVEN A REITERATION OF PREVIOUS STATEMENTS--COULD WELL BE FRUITLESS, HOWEVER

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